



#6

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application: )  
Gadberry, et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/675,851 )  
Filed: September 20, 2000 )  
For: SURGICAL INSTRUMENT WITH )  
IMPROVED HANDLE ASSEMBLY )

DOCKET NO.: AUS-1719-AV

**RECEIVED**

**JAN 23 2003**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that an extension of time to file a Response to Requirement for Restriction mailed November 20, 2002, regarding the above-identified U.S. Patent Application be granted for a period of one (1) month up to and including January 20, 2003, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1) and 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a).

The requisite fee of \$55.00 is included in our enclosed check.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any over-payment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2215.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard L. Myers  
Registration No. 26,490

01/21/2003 BABRAHA1 00000031 09675851

01 FC:2251

55.00 DP

Date: Jan. 15, 2003

22872 Avenida Empresa  
Rancho Santa Margarita, California 92688  
Telephone (949) 713-8000  
Facsimile (949) 713-8206